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August 19, 2000

POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, August, 2021
7:30 p.m.

(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS
GHIAN FOREMAN, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
NANETTE DOORLEY
STEVE FLORES
JORGE MONTES
ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:

DEPUTY CHIEF ANGEL NOVALEZ, Deputy Chief of the
Chicago Police Department;
ANDREA KERSTEN, Interim Chief Administrator of
the Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for
Public Safety;
KAREN KONOW, Chief of the CPD Bureau of Internal
Affairs;
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the
Superintendent of Police;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police
Board;

MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND
STAFF;
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. My name is Ghian Foreman, and I am president of the Chicago Police Board, and I am now calling the Board's August 19th public meeting to order.

As we begin this evening's meeting, we will first have a moment of silence in honor of Police Officer Ella French who was tragically shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop on August 7th. Let us please pause in silence to remember and honor Officer French for her service to the people of Chicago and for making the ultimate sacrifice. We pray for her family, friends, and fellow police officers. A moment of silence, please.

(Brief pause.)

Thank you. We also honor Police Officer Carlos Yanez, Junior, who was shot and critically wounded that evening as well. We also thank Officer Yanez for his brave service and pray for his full recovery.

To protect the public's health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is taking place remotely.

1 Pursuant to the Illinois Open
2 Meetings Act, I have determined that holding this
3 meeting in person is not practical or prudent.
4 Chicago remains subject to the Governor's
5 disaster proclamation due to the COVID-19
6 pandemic.

7 Cook County has been added to the
8 CDC's list of locations of substantial
9 transmission with respect to COVID-19.

10 The City's hospitalization and
11 positivity rates are also on the rise, with
12 research indicating that the virulent Delta
13 variant is more contagious and leads to higher
14 rates of hospitalizations as compared to other
15 strains. We are therefore having the meeting
16 remotely this month.

17 This meeting is open to the public
18 via audio conference and is being carried live by
19 CAN TV. Those participating by phone are on mute
20 in order to reduce background noise and
21 disruptions. We have a court reporter making a
22 transcript of this meeting.

23 I will begin by taking attendance
24 so it is clear who is participating in this

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1 meeting. Please say here after I read your name.

2 Police Board Vice President Paula

3 Wolff?

4 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Nanette

6 Doorley.

7 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Here.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Steve

9 Flores.

10 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Jorge

12 Montes.

13 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Andrea

15 Zopp.

16 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chicago Police

18 Department Deputy Chief Angel Novalez.

19 DEPUTY CHIEF NOVALEZ: Here.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Chief Novalez is

21 here on behalf of Superintendent Brown.

22 Interim Chief Administrator of

23 Civilian Office of Police Accountability Andrea

24 Kersten.

1 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: Here.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Inspector General
3 for Public Safety Deborah Witzburg.

4 MS. WITZBURG: Here.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of Chicago Police
6 Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs, Karen
7 Konow.

8 CHIEF KONOW: Present.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General counsel to the
10 Superintendent, Dana O'Malley.

11 GENERAL COUNSEL O'MALLEY: Here.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Executive Director
13 of the Police Board Max Caproni?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Here.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We would like to welcome
16 our new Police Board Member Nanette Doorley to
17 her first meeting. The City Council approved
18 Mayor Lightfoot's appointment of Ms. Doorley on
19 July 21st. Ms. Doorley comes to the Board with
20 over 20 years of law enforcement experience as an
21 FBI special agent.

22 We would also like to thank former
23 Board Members Rhoda Sweeney and Matthew Crawl for
24 their many years of public service on the Police

1 Board. Not only do we have to work together to
2 do this, but it becomes like a family and
3 friendship. So definitely will miss their
4 presence and contribution. So many thanks for
5 their many years of service.

6 We will now proceed to the items on
7 the meeting agenda. We will have time at the end
8 of the meeting for public comments.

9 Once again, those participating by
10 phone are currently on mute in order to reduce
11 background noise and disruptions.

12 When we get to the public comment
13 portion of the meeting, we will unmute each
14 speaker.

15 Is there a motion to approve the
16 minutes of the Board's July 15th regular public
17 meeting?

18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Paula Wolff. I so
19 move.

20 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Board Member Flores.
21 I second.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

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1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

4 The next regular public meeting
5 will be held on Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:30
6 p.m. Please note that this is the fourth
7 Thursday of the month, as opposed to our typical
8 third Thursday of the month. Whether this will
9 be an in-person meeting or remote meeting will be
10 determined closer to the meeting date.

11 Is there a motion to close a series
12 of executive sessions for the purposes of
13 considering personnel matters in litigation as
14 authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4), and
15 (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?

16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
17 Wolff.

18 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Steve Flores. Second.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

1 A report of disciplinary actions
2 taken by the Board during the previous month have
3 been made available on the Board's Website.
4 There are two police disciplinary cases on the
5 agenda this evening.

6 The Board, as authorized by The
7 Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
8 meeting two police disciplinary cases. The Board
9 will now take final action on these cases.

10 Regarding case number 20PB2979, is
11 there a motion to find Police Officer David
12 Salgado guilty of violating the rules of conduct
13 by being decertified as a police officer due to a
14 felony conviction and to discharge him from the
15 Chicago Police Department?

16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
17 Wolff.

18 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Board Member Flores.
19 I second.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will call on the Board
21 members for their votes. Wolff.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

24 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

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1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

2 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

4 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of
6 the motion. Voting in favor are Board Members
7 Wolff, Flores, Montes, Zopp, and myself. The
8 motion passes by a vote of five to zero.

9 Is there a motion to adopt the
10 written findings and decisions that have been
11 reviewed by all Board members who participated in
12 the case?

13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
14 Wolff.

15 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Board Member Flores.
16 I second.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

18 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

22 Regarding case number 20PB2971, the
23 Superintendent filed charges against Police
24 Officer Jorge Puma recommending that he be

1 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for
2 conduct unbecoming an officer while off duty.

3 The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw
4 these charges because Puma resigned his position
5 with the CPD.

6 Is there a motion to grant the
7 Superintendent's motion?

8 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
9 Wolff.

10 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Board Member Flores.
11 I second.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on the
13 Board members for their votes. Wolff?

14 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

16 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

18 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

20 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

22 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of
24 the motion.

1 Voting in favor are Board Members
2 Wolff, Doorley, Flores, Montes, Zopp, and myself.
3 The motion passes by a vote of six to zero.

4 The written decisions in the cases
5 on which the Board took final action this evening
6 will be entered as of today's date, sent to the
7 parties, and then posted on the Police Board's
8 website.

9 The general orders and other
10 directives issued by the Superintendent during
11 previous months are posted on the Police
12 Department's website.

13 Because of the services for Officer
14 French today, Superintendent Brown is not able to
15 attend this meeting, and we will not have the
16 Superintendent's report and will instead accept
17 the written report.

18 Chief Administrator Kersten, would
19 you like to provide your oral report?

20 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: Yes. Thank you. I
21 want to begin by just offering my deepest
22 condolences to the French family, the
23 Superintendent, and to the entire Chicago Police
24 Department.

1 When signing up for this work, I
2 knew that it was a difficult job and a city where
3 many communities believe constitutional policing
4 doesn't exist and most officers believe they are
5 overly scrutinized and underappreciated.

6 Simply put, police accountability
7 is one of the most polarizing social issues of
8 our time. And despite our training and
9 professional detachment from the work itself,
10 there are moments when the circumstances that
11 we're called to address and investigate can
12 impact us personally.

13 The death of any person in a
14 shooting, civilian, sworn, young, old, they all
15 leave an indelible mark on each of us.

16 Over the years, I personally felt
17 sadness and at times helplessness when I
18 responded to the scene of a shooting or heard
19 community members describe their experiences, sat
20 with families who have lost loved ones or learned
21 of an officer's grave injuries sustained in the
22 line of duty.

23 Officer French's death was another
24 such moment of tremendous sadness for me as a

1 mother of a daughter but also as a resident of
2 this great city. Her loss is felt by us all.
3 And particularly by the men and woman with whom
4 she served.

5 At Officer French's wake, you could
6 not help but recognize the deep camaraderie,
7 support, and sense of family the Police
8 Department displayed in this time of profound
9 grief. It is to be admired.

10 The analytical lens that COPA must
11 use in order to do our job, to interact with both
12 complainants and officers, to review video and
13 other evidence, to facilitate trainings, meet
14 with the public, none of that removes the fact
15 that at its core, in each and every one of these
16 incidents there's actual people, actual lives
17 that are impacted, lives that are lost or forever
18 altered. And today we take a moment to mourn the
19 loss of an officer's life and pray for the
20 continued recovery of another, Officer Yanez's.

21 Earlier today at Officer French's
22 funeral, Cardinal Blase Cupich shared how
23 Elizabeth French told him that it was her
24 daughter's ability to connect with people that

1 taught her compassion, empathy, and
2 responsibility for others.

3 It is my great hope that as
4 residents of Chicago, we can all strive to do the
5 same.

6 Peace to Officer Ella French's
7 memory.

8 And on to my report for COPA for
9 the last month.

10 I wanted to talk a little bit about
11 three different things that we've been doing that
12 are a little different than just the statistics
13 about what cases we've closed or complaints that
14 have come in.

15 Three things that COPA engaged in
16 over the last month that I think are worth
17 noting. Number one is the return to the ability
18 to train at CPD's academy. We had two different
19 instances where we were able to, number one,
20 first meet with new recruits and sort of explain
21 what COPA is, how we do the work that we do, and
22 what they can expect if they ever come into a
23 COPA investigation, either as a witness or as an
24 accused officer.

1 It is really important to make sure
2 that new people signing up to serve our city in
3 the capacity of a police officer understand how
4 the broader police accountability system is at
5 play in the work that they will be doing. So it
6 is a privilege to have the opportunity to address
7 all of those men and women that come in as new
8 recruits.

9 In addition to that, we also have
10 the opportunity to return to the academy a second
11 time to talk to a promotional class, to talk to
12 leaders who are becoming lieutenants in the
13 Department. And while many of them have known of
14 COPA or IPRA or OPS before us, to sort of
15 reintroduce ourselves and make sure they had a
16 firm understanding of the role that we play in
17 this broader accountability system is, again, a
18 privilege and an important opportunity for our
19 agency.

20 So we are happy to take part in
21 both of those opportunities.

22 Secondly, we had a delegation from
23 the U.S. Custom and Border Protection Unit. It's
24 a federal law enforcement agency of approximately

1 43,000 officers.

2 They came here to Chicago because
3 they are constituting a new unit to conduct their
4 own oversight. And they had learned about what
5 COPA does, how we do it, particularly with
6 respect to our transparency efforts and the
7 video-release policy that we implement on behalf
8 of the City, as well as our community and public
9 engagement.

10 They came to Chicago to see how we
11 were accomplishing what we've managed to
12 accomplish. And we spent a day with our staff
13 here at COPA talking to the men and women that
14 are serving in that unit and helping them as they
15 prepare to embark on this journey.

16 And it was a unique and rewarding
17 opportunity for our staff and I think as well as
18 the federal officers that joined us.

19 Primarily, because although we're
20 very differently situated, they're patrolling our
21 country's border in often remote and rural
22 places, and we are here in the Chicago
23 participating in oversight of a very large police
24 department in a very urban environment; however,

1 a lot of the themes and challenges that our
2 respective agencies face were the same. And we
3 found a lot of common ground. And more than
4 anything, it was a moment of reflection for us as
5 an agency that we are, in fact, serving as an
6 example for how civilian oversight can look and
7 how oversight can be. And we're happy to share
8 some of our challenges and successes with that
9 agency. That was a wonderful opportunity.

10 And lastly we had the ability this
11 month to participate in Mayor Lightfoot's
12 Community Budget Engagement sessions.

13 As many of you are probably aware,
14 we are approaching budget season, and so to sit
15 down with community members and learn about what
16 their priorities for our City are and will be in
17 the future and how the money that we have to
18 allocate should be spent was a really important
19 opportunity.

20 There were many leaders from across
21 the public safety sector, both from the Chicago
22 Police Department, the Fire Department, and all
23 aspects -- OEMC, all aspects of the public safety
24 sector, as well as all the other leaders from

1 other City agencies. And to sit around a table
2 with community members and realize how
3 interconnected so many of the very different
4 issues we work on actually are was a really
5 interesting experience for all of us.

6 So happy to represent COPA in that
7 capacity. Happy to answer questions for, you
8 know, the community members about the work that
9 we do, and to respond and be listening to hear
10 how we need to do it differently.

11 So that's the report I have for
12 today. Thank you for the opportunity.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

14 My apologies. Deputy Chief
15 Novalez, I didn't know you had a statement. I'll
16 turn the floor over to you. My apologies.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF NOVALEZ: No need to apologize.
18 Thank you very much.

19 First of all, good evening. I'm
20 honored to be here on behalf of the
21 Superintendent. The Superintendent holds these
22 meetings in its highest regard, so for him to ask
23 me to sit through these is an honor.

24 It's been a sad day for us here at

1 the Chicago Police Department. This morning we
2 said farewell to Officer Ella French. It was
3 both heart breaking and inspiring. Thousands of
4 police officers from the across the region and
5 around the country stood at outside St. Rita's
6 chapel saluting Officer French. Blistering heat
7 and then in the steady rain. The sounds of bag
8 pipes, Taps, and 21-gun salute echoed through the
9 trees and across the grounds.

10 We were also saluting the bravery
11 of her two partners, Joshua Blas and Carlos
12 Yanez, Junior. Officer Yanez remains in the
13 hospital. Although he is making progress, his
14 road to recovery remains long.

15 Officer French most recently was a
16 member of the Community Safety Team, a very
17 important unit in our Department. During her
18 three-year career with the CPD, Officer French
19 received multiple awards that included Department
20 accommodation, a physical fitness award, and 14
21 honorable mentions. She was tough. She was
22 brave. She was real police that we like to say,
23 but it was Officer French's people skills and
24 compassion, her kindness, her fairness, her

1 empathy, and her respect for others that made her
2 the model for which a 21st century police officer
3 should look like, should be.

4 She will be sorely missed but never
5 forgotten. Never far from our hearts.

6 As much as we're hurting, we know
7 we're not out here alone in our grief. People
8 from all walks of life have joined the men and
9 women for the CPD for prayer vigils across
10 Chicago for Officer French and for her partners.

11 Many of them turned out today lining
12 the streets and the overpasses as Officer
13 French's funeral procession. Hundreds of cars
14 drove through the City and suburbs. Construction
15 workers, firefighters, delivery drivers, they all
16 pulled over on the side of the road, and they're
17 waving at our officers, waving the American flag.
18 Mothers and their children waved, which was
19 amazing to see. We are gratified and thankful
20 for the outpouring of support. The moment of
21 silence that you as the Board gave us, it means
22 so much. And thank very much for the opportunity
23 to be here with you today. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

1 I will now call on members the
2 public who signed up in advance to speak.

3 And we are going to stick to our
4 time limit with the exception of Jennifer
5 Edwards, I'm going to call you first, and we are
6 going to allow more time. Ms. Edwards is
7 speaking on behalf of her committee who has
8 multiple comments. Rather than speaking
9 individually, Ms. Edwards is going to be the
10 spokesperson. Jennifer.

11 MS. EDWARDS: Hello, everyone. We want to
12 give condolences to the French family also and to
13 the Brandon family who experienced the first
14 woman officer killed in the line of duty, Matt
15 Brandon's first wife Dorelle Brandon in the 3rd
16 District in 1984. I'm sure this is a sad day for
17 him and for all of us.

18 I decided since we had so many
19 reports, to break them up into two different
20 sections, the 3rd District and the 6th District.

21 I want to start by saying that our
22 commanders are excellent. Commander Watson and
23 Commander Ben are doing the best they can. We're
24 always asking the Superintendent for more cars,

1 more police officers and more equipment, so I'm
2 -- I still have that as an ask.

3 I'll start with -- the first report
4 is Communities Organized to Win has begun a
5 project we're calling block by block. We are
6 walking in the neighborhoods with the DCOs and
7 community members on the block. And have started
8 in the 3rd District and hope to soon expand to
9 the 6th District.

10 So far the project has been
11 successful in connecting people with the DCOs.

12 Our DCOs were able to connect with
13 people that complained about an abuse of permit
14 parking on Saturdays that occurs because of a
15 house that has weekly parties.

16 They mentioned besides loud music
17 that continues into the night, their parking
18 spots are taken by cars without the permit
19 parking decals, and it's impossible to get police
20 to enforce the ordinance.

21 The DCOs were able to ticket
22 violating cars and connect with people.
23 Unfortunately, within an hour after the DCOs
24 left, the situation reversed to illegal parking

1 and loud partying again.

2 The house at 7416 Michigan was
3 assigned special attention, but no officers were
4 able to return to the block after being alerted
5 to the situation.

6 We see the value of this project
7 block by block with the DCOs and ask that the DCO
8 officers' hours be extended past 4:00 or 5:00
9 p.m. Monday through Saturday or increase the
10 units to add additional late afternoon or evening
11 assignments.

12 These officers are able to handle
13 situations before they become volatile and remedy
14 some things that our regular officers aren't
15 available to do, because of the number of
16 high-priority calls and the lack of a full
17 complement of police officers in the districts.

18 I was writing this to
19 Superintendent Brown, but, Deputy Chief Novalez,
20 could you please consider expanding this valuable
21 program that's part of the new NPI program?

22 One of the neighbors, Mrs. Simmi
23 (phonetic), writes, There are constant noise
24 disruptions occurring on 75th from Calumet to

1 Indiana to Michigan. People are parking on 75th
2 Street after the close of business hours, playing
3 loud music and creating a party atmosphere,
4 especially on Fridays and Saturdays.

5 If you recall, there was a recent
6 homicide on 75th Street.

7 People are constantly riding down
8 74th and Calumet, Prairie, Indiana, and Michigan
9 blasting loud, vulgar music.

10 Margarita's Pizza Restaurant is a
11 problem business because they allow their
12 customers to sit on their premises and blast
13 their loud music at all hours.

14 There's one person who guns his
15 engine every night.

16 Mrs. Simmi would like to ask if the
17 DCOs can remain on duty until later in the day.

18 Also, who are the DCOs and how do
19 we contact them?

20 We need coverage for many neighbor
21 disturbances.

22 Mr. Braden says the problem
23 locations on 75th Street 606 East 75th Street,
24 Laristos Lounge, and 555 East 75th Street above

1 the barber shop. The latter, 553 (sic) East 75th
2 Street is where a party bus was parked, and one
3 passenger inside was killed this past Saturday on
4 August 15th.

5 The establishments, which should be
6 closed, are ruining our neighborhood. The area
7 needs special attention. 75th from Cottage Grove
8 to State Street is really bad, as is 71st from
9 Cottage Grove to State Street.

10 I'd like to read some of the beat
11 information, and I won't read all of it, just a
12 few.

13 Beat 322 at 1:45 a.m. on 7/29/21,
14 ShotSpotter detected four rounds at 7,000 South
15 Eberhart. Two victims sitting in the car.
16 Aggravated battery with a handgun.

17 Beat 324, 5:20 p.m., 7/29/21,
18 ShotSpotter detected 16 rounds, 7100 block of
19 Stony Island. Traveling in the car, they were
20 shot. Took themselves to the hospital, shot in
21 the back and left leg. Aggravated battery with a
22 handgun.

23 Beat 331 at 1:59, 7/30/21,
24 ShotSpotter detected four rounds at 2100 block of

1 70th Street. Aggravated battery with a handgun
2 Beat 331 at 1:18 a.m., 7/21/21,
3 ShotSpotter detected 26 rounds at 1600 block of
4 Hayes Drive. Four victims shot. One shot in the
5 chin, one shot in the left thigh, one fatal
6 shooting in the right hip, one shot in the arm.
7 Homicide, first degree murder. I won't read the
8 others just for time sake. I have quite a few
9 more.

10 I'd like to talk now about 79th
11 Street in the 6th District.

12 Our quality of life is unacceptable
13 in Beat 624 at 79th and Cottage Grove.

14 There's public intoxication, public
15 urination, public sex, public defecation in the
16 alley south of 79th Street between Cottage Grove
17 and Evans Avenue. Calling 911 is almost a daily
18 occurrence for Evans Avenue residents to complain
19 about the illegal activity. Diminished quality
20 of life has been expressed to the Mayor, the 6th
21 Ward alderman, 6th police district Commander Ben,
22 the Board of Health, and mentioned previously
23 here during the Police Board virtual meeting.

24 Our cries for help go without

1 assistance.

2 One of the DCOs assigned to Beat
3 624 has suggested that I move. If I move, what
4 is the guarantee that the same thing would
5 happen?

6 Security cameras have been
7 installed on the rear of the unattached garage
8 with hopes of combatting illegal activity, which
9 has not helped.

10 The residue of human urine and
11 feces makes it difficult to walk or drive through
12 the alley, which is a health hazard.

13 The Chicago Department of Health
14 has been contacted.

15 On Thursday, August 5th, 2021, at
16 approximately 7:30 p.m. I drove in the alley to
17 park in my garage. Adults and children were
18 standing in the alley, therefore I reduced speed
19 to avoid hitting anyone. A woman standing in the
20 alley intentionally hit the driver-side mirror
21 with her hand.

22 I stopped and called 911 at 7:30
23 p.m. and again at 7:34 p.m. to report the
24 incident. I waited for officers to respond and

1 no one arrived until I called Commander Ben on
2 Friday, August 6th, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.
3 Officers finally arrived at 1:04.

4 There have been several shootings
5 in the area. I realize this is a community
6 effort, therefore I've contacted and spoken with
7 Mr. Jack Lynch with the gift of hope.

8 We all play a part in the community
9 and city. I am open to suggestions to combat the
10 problem of people hanging out, disturbing
11 respectable citizens.

12 What do I need to do and what kind
13 of assistance can I get?

14 If no one wants to help to make the
15 quality of life better, just state that, because
16 at this point the actions show that it is a usual
17 occurrence.

18 My last report about 79th Street
19 is, I thank you for your genuine concern for the
20 issues plaguing our community, however the
21 previous issues persist by outsiders, not
22 residents of Chatham.

23 In spite of the repeated efforts of
24 the Eberhart 79ers Block Club members and others

1 and our numerous 911 calls, Family Fresh Meat
2 Market located at 457 East 79th Street remains a
3 problem.

4 The loiterers have gotten clever,
5 whereby they vacillate between standing outside
6 the store or on the corner outside the store or
7 loitering in front of the apartment building
8 located at 7905 South Eberhart.

9 The owners of the business and the
10 apartment building have no-trespassing signs
11 posted but not enforced.

12 On July 17th, 2021, our block club
13 held its annual ice cream social for our
14 neighborhood children.

15 A group of five plus men were
16 situated in front of 7905 Eberhart, visibly
17 selling drugs. 911 was called. It took four
18 hours for a squad car to come, drive past the
19 drug sellers and continue driving, never stopping
20 to investigate the call.

21 We have also been informed of a
22 drug-and-prostitution ring operating out of the
23 building 440 to 442 East 80th Street between
24 Vernon and Eberhart.

1 A resident of the 440 East 80th
2 Street who attended the ice cream social informed
3 us that the drug sellers who live on the second
4 floor have taken over the building, going so far
5 as to take out the belongings of the first floor
6 resident, who was in the hospital, and selling
7 drugs from that location as well.

8 The resident called the real estate
9 office and was told to call 911. We also advised
10 them to call 911.

11 Sometimes I see Sheriff police cars
12 parked near that location. I had no idea what's
13 going on.

14 On a positive note, on Saturday,
15 August 7th, our block club held its annual block
16 party for the neighborhood students. I
17 personally took a flier advertising our event to
18 Sergeant Hughes at the 6th District, CAPS office.
19 She said she and Commander Ben had a previous
20 engagement but would like to try to make it.
21 They were unable to attend but did have squad
22 cars periodically come by.

23 We seem to be fighting a losing
24 battle, but we won't give up. We're taking back

1 our community. Thank you for your time.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Jennifer.

3 Deputy Chief, I know that you're sitting in place
4 today, but Communities Organized to Win, they are
5 organized to win. And so, you know, they're here
6 every month. They've been coming for the last
7 several years. This is a group that's absolutely
8 willing to work hand in hand. So, again, we just
9 ask to see what resources and what kinds of
10 things we can put in place to work hand in hand
11 with them. So thank you.

12 Our next speaker John Pinto. John
13 Pinto. If you can press *6 to unmute. John
14 Pinto.

15 Our next speaker, Brenda Scott.
16 Brenda Scott, if you can press *6 to unmute.

17 Our next speaker Lisa Young. Are
18 you there? Press *6. Lisa Young.

19 Our next speaker, Earl Carter.

20 MR. CARTER: Yes. My name is Earl Carter.
21 And my heart and our condolences from my family
22 go out to Officer French and her family and her
23 two police assistants.

24 This is my first time speaking at

1 this type of meeting, and I'm very happy to do
2 so.

3 We have an ongoing problem in the
4 5th District, Beat 523. Specifically the address
5 in question is 12642 South Wallace.

6 Now, I have security camera
7 documentation of an ATV unlicensed speeding up
8 and down Wallace Street from 127th to 126th.
9 Then they make that left turn going west to a
10 house located on the northeast corner of Lowe,
11 just adjacent to the school, where you have a
12 large gathering of young males doing all sorts of
13 things. But that is only one part of our
14 problem.

15 We have cars with loud exhaust
16 speeding from 126th and Wallace trying to beat
17 the light on 127th Street. And, my God, it's
18 just crazy. We've called the police officers.
19 And, once again, when they come, you know, maybe
20 like two or three hours later, and they do a
21 drive-by and they slow down. I have films of
22 public urination, public sex, loud music all
23 hours in the morning.

24 Now, I brought this up to NPI

1 meeting, the first one that was officiated by
2 Maureen Perkins.

3 Now, at that time, she assigned
4 Officer Patton and Officer Martin as our DCOs.

5 Now, I called both of those
6 officers after hours, and I admit one was at
7 11:00 and one was at maybe later than that, and I
8 only got a voicemail. Well, I didn't get the
9 voicemail -- sent a voicemail message saying they
10 couldn't be contacted. So that doesn't seem to
11 be an option.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Carter, I'm sorry.
13 Your two minutes are up. If you don't mind, I'm
14 going to pass your contact information, and we'll
15 make sure that someone gets in contact with you
16 to get some of the specifics and make sure that
17 we can get you some assistance. Okay?

18 MR. CARTER: Please, because it is just me
19 and my wife. We are senior citizens. We are the
20 only ones affected by this. And it's just so
21 many young men, you know, and I just can't get
22 any cooperation. This has been going on for a
23 couple of years.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir. We will

1 ensure Deputy Chief -- I see him nodding his
2 head. We will ensure that someone gets in
3 contact with you.

4 Ms. Young, I see -- Lisa Young, I
5 see that you are here now. I'll call on you
6 again.

7 MS. YOUNG: Yes. My name is Lisa Young.
8 I'm right here in Colonial Village, which would
9 be the 6th Precinct, 34th Ward. This is my first
10 time coming to the meeting, too. And I agree
11 with everyone's problems. We have the same
12 problem right here at 128th -- what, 128th and
13 Union to 129th and Union. And, yes, we have
14 those people speeding, the white Camero, a blue
15 Dodge Charger, and I don't know what the black
16 thing is. But we have a lot of speeding up in
17 this neighborhood. And we have talked to our
18 DCOs as well. Okay? We have active meetings
19 every month, CAPS meetings. So far we haven't
20 resolved the problem. We're working on it. And
21 pretty much that's all I have to say. If we can
22 get more officers over here, it would be real
23 nice. I'm done with my two minutes. Am I right?

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay . Thank you very

1 much.

2 So would you like for me to pass
3 your contact information along as well?

4 MS. YOUNG: Yes, I wish you would. Thank
5 you for your time.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We will be sure to do
7 so. Thank you for calling.

8 Our next speaker, Annette Cain. If
9 you are here, press *6.

10 MS. CAIN: Hello?

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes.

12 MS. CAIN: My name is Annette Cain. I am
13 the president of United Neighbors of Colonial
14 Village. I was on last month with the issue --
15 ongoing issue that we had for over two and a half
16 years. And we still have the same problem on
17 129th Place and Union with the guys hanging out.
18 It's just a problem with the quality of life over
19 there. Residents can't enjoy their yards. They
20 have loud music and parties on the street,
21 drinking and all of that.

22 But one of the main things I wanted
23 to say, I wish they would get that resolved,
24 because also DCOs, they have been coming over

1 there and I guess talking to them. I seen them
2 speaking to one of the guys that was out there,
3 but they spoke to them and left. You know, and
4 that's what the residents are saying. They see
5 the police and some of them just pass on by them,
6 and they're just saying basically they are not
7 doing anything.

8 But we had a CAPS meeting --
9 outdoor CAPS meeting August the 11th. We did not
10 have a CAPS officer at this meeting. We had over
11 50 residents from our community that attended.

12 Now, CAPS, they said we did not
13 notify them. And they wanted to have it virtual.
14 But I was thinking, Okay, well, I knew the
15 commander knew. And why have a virtual meeting
16 when you are going to only get two or three
17 people compared to 50 people that's willing to
18 work with CPD?

19 It just seems to me that our CAPS
20 office don't really want to work with us. And we
21 very seldom see a police car. We see a little
22 bit more now with the DCOs coming over there, but
23 coming over there and not doing anything, it's
24 not helping our community.

1 But I just want to thank you all
2 for your service and condolences to Ella French.
3 And also I'm praying for the officer that was
4 injured. Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

6 Our next speaker is George
7 Blakemore. Mr. Blakemore, if you are there, if
8 you can press *6. Mr. Blakemore.

9 Our final speaker is Mr. Robert
10 More. Mr. More, if you can press *6 on one of
11 your phones. Mr. More.

12 MR. MORE: Mr. Foreman, can you hear me?

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

14 MR. MORE: I'm all confused with these
15 phones.

16 Anyway, what might not end up
17 getting into this conveyance, which RJM, Robert
18 J. More, would consider too important to not
19 mention at this juncture may be included at the
20 URL JN21-15PROTCTR.tripod.com.

21 For the record, as I understand, the
22 basis for the absence of the Superintendent from
23 this meeting is attributable to the conducting of
24 a funeral this morning; is that correct?

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Well, yes. And related
2 -- issues related dealing with the funeral
3 services, yes.

4 MR. MORE: Okay. It's now 8:00 o'clock at
5 night for the record.

6 According to what source of
7 authority has authority been conversed/derived
8 for the Superintendent to abstain from
9 participation in this evening meeting on such
10 basis?

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: He has a representative.

12 MR. MORE: Okay. And so this -- on to the
13 next question.

14 For over the tenth time, what
15 exactly constitutes the presently operative
16 e-mail address of the Superintendent?

17 Mr. Foreman, can you commit the
18 e-mailing of that to me at and Anselm,
19 ANSELM45@Gmail.com?

20 I have asked this -- demanded this
21 ten times. I still don't have any evidence that
22 I have the correct e-mail address of the
23 Superintendent.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: If you can call our

1 office, and we'll ensure that you get an e-mail
2 address.

3 MR. MORE: Okay. That hasn't worked in the
4 past. Okay. Here, according to what source of
5 authority -- this is really disrupted, because
6 the Superintendent now is coming up with these
7 same type of explanations that really don't seem
8 to hold any water at all. Last time his picture
9 can't be available on the Zoom and that he can't
10 -- have to -- answer any questions because he
11 can't be connected because there's some type of
12 intermediary.

13 So this is really bringing us back
14 to the former Superintendents, Weis skipped five
15 consecutive meetings, and McCarthy and all the
16 rest, ever since the issue of the Bland, Young,
17 and Spencer murders was raised in June of 2011
18 when I filed that complaint in Chancery to try to
19 get a legitimate adjudication of the estate of
20 Donald J. Young, whatever it was, Barrick
21 (phonetic). At any rate, regarding the Young
22 murder.

23 The next question, according to
24 what source of authority are the murder rate

1 statistics for the City of Chicago not inclusive
2 of the abortions that are perpetrated within the
3 City limits of the City of Chicago? Who is
4 responsible for that?

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More, I'm sorry,
6 your time is up. I do want to address one thing.
7 I do think it is a very different situation what
8 happened before. Right? We're on Zoom right
9 now, so there were technical issues before.
10 Superintendent has been at every meeting and been
11 willing to answer whatever questions that you
12 have. So I don't think that's a fair
13 characterization.

14 At this point in time, all members
15 of the public who signed up to speak have been
16 called upon. Is there a motion to adjourn?

17 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I move we adjourn.
18 Paula Wolff.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Board Member Flores, I
21 second.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

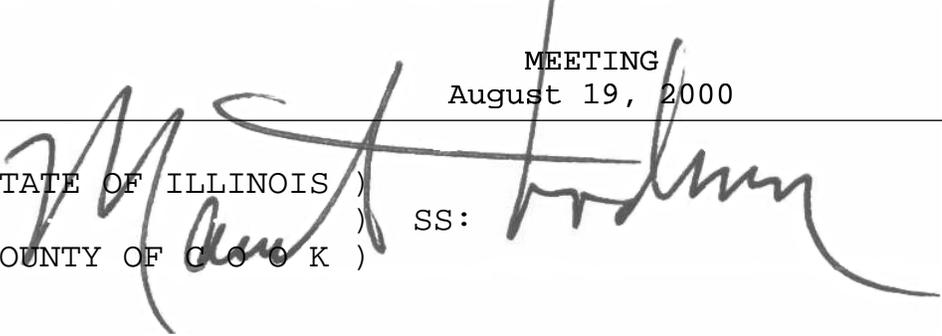
23 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Have a great weekend,

1 everyone.

2 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
3 were adjourned at 8:11 p.m.)
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